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This book is designed for classroom purposes and will serve as an essential reference work for students who are studying Caribbean History.

The Great Uprising of 1763 has its origins in a conspiracy amongst the slaves of the upper part of Head Division. Their leader was Coffy, a cooper from Lelienburg, while his army commander was Accara, from the same plantation. Of the other leaders, little is known save for Atta of Altenklingen who was a recent arrival and said to have been young. However, together they would rock the Dutch plantation system in the Guianas to its very foundations.

Before the Dutch would be able to reassert control over their colony, they would have been forced to mount the most massive military expedition against their former slaves ever seen in that part of the hemisphere. Never again until 1791 would any European nation come so close to losing an entire colony to its slaves.

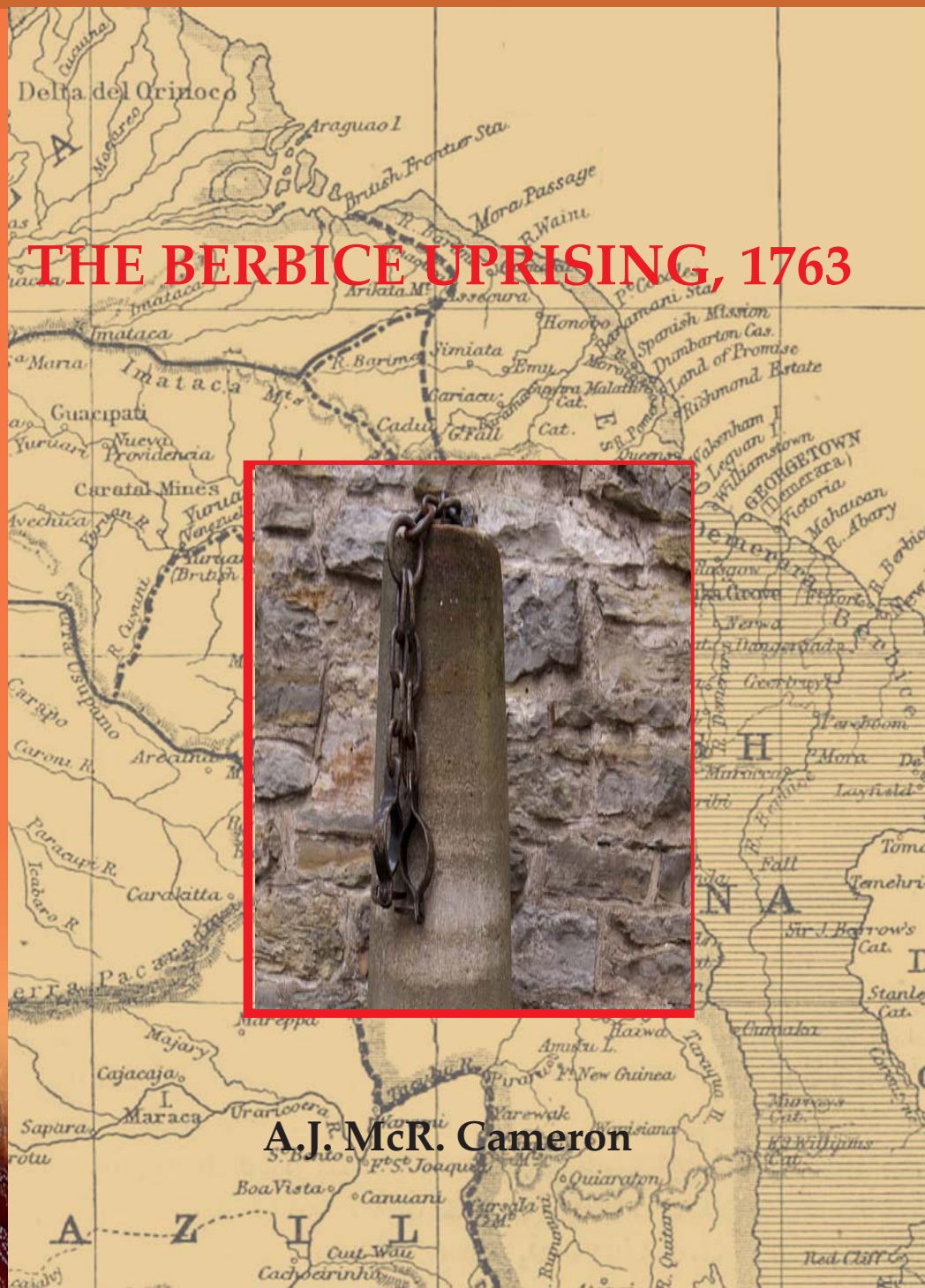
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